

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

Group I, Claims 1-5, drawn to a medical system having control means for use during surgery, classified in class 606, subclass 1; and

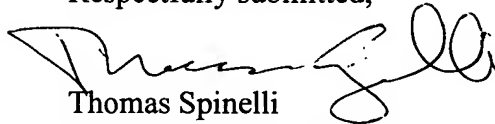
Group II, Claim 6, drawn to endoscope surgery system having a state change recording means, classified in class 348, subclass 74.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, the Applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group II, Claim 6. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

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